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REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES---COVER SHEET

Name of Property Robert H. Hazlett House 15-1540-0008

Location 115 South Washington  
(street and number)

El Dorado  
(city, town, or vicinity location)

See Attached Sheet  
(legal description)

Butler  
(county)

Owner of Property United Methodist First Church

421 West Central  
(street and number)

El Dorado, Butler County, Kansas 67042  
(city, town, county)

National Register status:

date approved for nomination to the National Register by Kansas Historic  
Sites Board of Review N/A

date entered in National Register N/A

Description: The Robert Hazlett House (ca. 1911-1912) is located at 115 South Washington in El Dorado, Butler County, Kansas (pop. 11,535). The two-story, cut limestone block, rectangular structure is covered with a green, asphalt shingled hipped roof with wide, overhanging eaves supported by large, wooden brackets. Shed roofed dormers centrally pierce each of the roof slopes. The house sits on a raised limestone block foundation. Limestone chimneys project from the north and west walls. Non-original, aluminum storm doors and windows have hidden or replaced original treatments. Iron porches replace the original limestone block porches on the east, west, and south sides. The building's facade orientation is east.

Also included in the nomination is the one-story, limestone, hipped roof garage which stands to the west of the Hazlett House. Both buildings were constructed from limestone blocks salvaged by the Hazletts when the first Butler County Courthouse (ca. 1875, 1895) was demolished in 1908. Both buildings maintain a high level of structural integrity.

Description  
Hazlett House

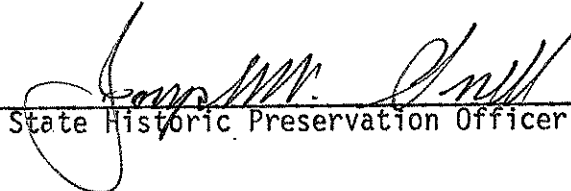
The interior of the Hazlett House exhibits Mission style and Arts and Crafts style walnut woodwork and light fixtures. The dining room retains the highest degree of architectural integrity; its wood paneling, sliding doors, ceiling beams, and built-in cabinet retain their original, unpainted appearance. The leaded glass light fixtures evident in the dining room and throughout the house are also special features which retain their original appearance.

Significance The Robert Hazlett House (ca. 1911-1912) is being nominated to the  
Register of Historic Kansas Places for its historical association with Robert H. Hazlett  
(1847-1936), a prominent Twentieth Century American Hereford cattle breeder. Hazlett  
bred registered Herefords on a ranch just north of El Dorado from 1898 until his death in  
1936. He is cited with the improvement of the Hereford breed and the improvement of range  
cattle by upbreeding with purebred stock.

Hazlett emigrated to Butler County from Illinois in 1885 and quickly achieved  
success in a number of fields. A lawyer by training, Hazlett prospered through land  
speculation and mining. He became a banker in 1893 and continued to acquire land, eventually  
becoming Butler County's largest land holder. Hazlett also invested heavily in the Butler  
County oil boom of 1915, becoming an owner of El Dorado's largest refinery.

Form prepared by Martha Gray Hagedorn date 4-4-86

This property was approved for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places by the  
 Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review on May 10, 1986  
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

  
 State Historic Preservation Officer

May 10, 1986  
 Date

Hazlett and his wife Isabella designed the Robert Hazlett House, employing the  
 salvaged limestone from the first Butler County Courthouse (ca. 1875, 1895; d. 1908) to  
 construct it. Hazlett lived in the El Dorado residence until his death. The property is  
 now owned by the United Methodist First Church, who uses the building as a parsonage and  
 youth center.

Legal Description  
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The less than one acre tract at the southeast corner of block seventeen (17) in the original town, now city of El Dorado, thence runs west one hundred seventy-eight (178) feet, thence runs north once hundred thirty-two and eighteen hundredths (132.18) feet, thence runs east thirteen (13) feet, thence runs north seven and six hundredths (7.06), thence runs east thirty-seven (37) feet, thence south one hundred ninety-eight and three tenths (198.3) feet, more or less to the place of beginning.